

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CASE NO. 1:11CR12-28
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PLAINTIFF,) JUDGE SARA LIOI
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vs.)
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) ORDER
TEKORA MADDEN,)
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DEFENDANT.)

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge Nancy A. Vecchiarelli's Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT Defendant Tekora Madden's ("Defendant") plea of guilty and enter a finding of guilty against Defendant. (Doc. No. 292.)

On January 12, 2011, the government filed an Indictment against Defendant. (Doc. No. 1.) On March 29, 2011, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Vecchiarelli for the purpose of receiving Defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 290.)

On March 31, 2011, a hearing was held in which Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 2 of the Indictment, charging her with conspiracy to distribute marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(D) and 846. Magistrate Judge Vecchiarelli received Defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 292.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the ten days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that she understands her constitutional rights, that she is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the Defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the Defendant is adjudged guilty of Count 2 in violation of 21 U.S.C. Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(D) and 846. The sentencing will be held on June 9, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 26, 2011


HONORABLE SARA LIOI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE